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SUBJECT: NEW USIA FILM ON U.N. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE:
SPECIAL REPORT: TOWARD A LAW OF THE SEA

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1. USIA HAS COMPLETED PRODUCTION OF A 30-MINUTE FILM, TOWARD A LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH ILLUMINATES OFFICIAL U.S. ATTITUDES ON MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THE U.N. LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE OF 150 NATIONS WHICH RECONVENES MAY 23. THIS FILM IS THE FIRST IN WHAT THE AGENCY INTENDS AS A SERIES OF SPECIAL REPORTS ON CURRENT POLICY QUESTIONS.

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2. AMBASSADOR ELLIOT R. RICHARDSON, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, APPEARS ON-SCREEN IN THE CLOSING MINUTES, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL SUCCEED IN BROAD AGREEMENT ON AN EQUITABLE ORDER FOR THE OCEANS.

3. IMV IS RUSHING PROCESSING OF 16MM COLOR PRINTS AND EXPECTS TO

HAVE THEM IN THE FIELD IN EARLY APRIL. NO RMS CHARGE REPEAT NO RMS CHARGE FOR THESE PRINTS. ENGLISH AND ARABIC PRINTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

4. TOWARD A LAW OF THE SEA ILLUMINATES MAJOR ELEMENTS IN U.S. POSITION IN THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL OCEAN AGREEMENT. FORMAT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO STRESS CLARITY FOR THE VIEWER THROUGH VISUALS, NARRATION, TITLES, GRAPHS, AND STATEMENTS BY AUTHORITIES ON MATTERS USG CONSIDERS OF KEY IMPORTANCE. AGENCY HOPES FILM WILL PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY DEEP SEABED MINING, AMONG POLITICALLY AND ECOLOGICALLY ALERT AUDIENCES, INCLUDING EDUCATORS, MEDIA, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS.

5. AMONG HIGHLIGHTS OF FILM ARE STATEMENTS BY UNGA PRESIDENT HAMILTON SHIRLEY AMERISINGHE OF SRI LANKA, WHO NOTES "THE VITAL IMPORTANCE" OF THE U.N. CONFERENCE IN AN ON-SCREEN STATEMENT. OTHER SEGMENTS INCLUDE AMBASSADOR ROZANNE RIDGWAY, U.S. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OCEANS AND FISHERIES AFFAIRS: SHELDON HALL, DEEP SEA MINING ENGINEER; NORMAL BEECHER, METALLURGIST; MANIK TALWAMI, GEOPHYSICIST; JOHN TEMPLE SWING, ATTORNEY; AND HARRY SWAIN, FISHING BOAT CAPTAIN, WHO DISCUSS THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT, GLOBAL FISHING, OFFSHORE DRILLING COMMERCIAL MINING OF MANGANESE NODULES IN THE OCEAN DEPTHS, CO-ORDINATION OF DEEP SEABED MINING BY AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM POLLUTION, AND A BINDING AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES. ADDITIONAL PRINTS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER RMS AT \$94 (1/2 INCH UNCLASSIFIED

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